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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Increases and Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for Mid-Period Reduction in Base Rates for Fuel

Docket No. 2012-218-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed please find a letter received by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") from an interested consumer in the above referenced matter. A review of this docket on the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's ("Commission's") website shows that the consumer letter has not been filed. Therefore, ORS is providing the Commission with the letter so that it may be added to the consumer comments posted on the Commission's website.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey M. Nelson

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

5014 W. Liberty Meadows Drive.,
Summerville, SC 29485
Monday, September 10, 2012

SC Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main St., Suite 900
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Ref: Complaint about that greedy SCE&G strutting up to the trough to pig out at the consumer's expense AGAIN.

You, of course know, that there were meetings a couple of years ago all around the state, in some places so packed the meetings had to be moved. I went to one of them in Summerville, SC. I know I'm too late to schedule time to speak, and it wouldn't mean anything anyway, as per those previous meetings.

The public service commission's representatives after their review (joke) gave SCE&G their increase. Not the full increase of course, just a tad less (got to look good and somewhat fair), and the supposed relief was the increase would be spread over a period of time. Again, just putting off the pain.

If you have a budget of 5,000 than your portion to pay only a \$17.00 increase is NOT like having 1,000 to pay that same \$17.00 increase or say a \$500 budget would make it even more painful. I'm sure you're getting the picture. Then look at what is paid to those executives at SCE&G, and public service commission staff. Yes, they're appointed, but still we the taxpayers pay for them to at least appear to stand up for the consumer again, a joke.

I'm sure you got my point. Well, go to church on Sunday and pray for the needy. Better yet, serve the needy where you are, and let the greedy get a grip on reality, the poor, unemployed, underemployed, etc.

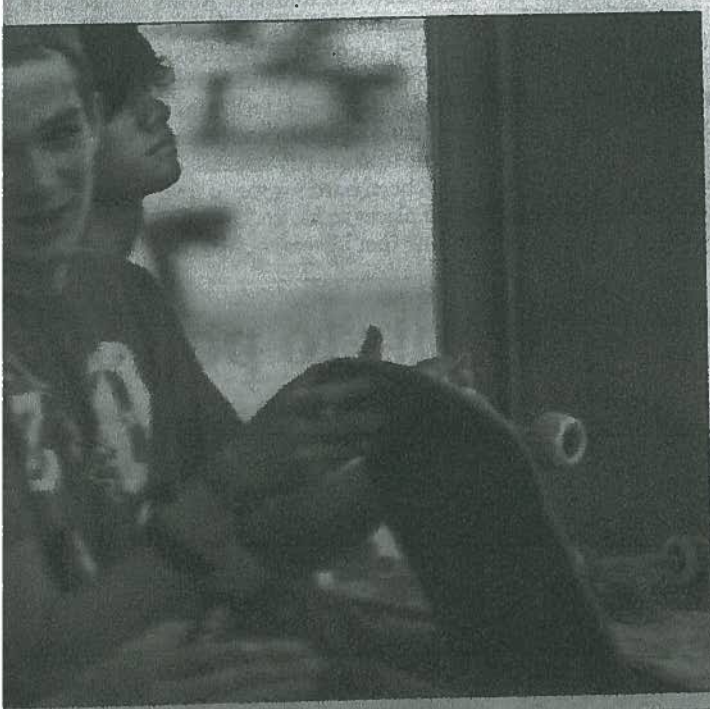
Sincerely,

Joan Hoyte
Joan Hoyte
843 207 9611

CC: Eleanor Horres,
659 Bank, St., Mt. Pleasant

file:SCE&G

*It's outrageous.
Just as the stock
holders and the
execs. get paid
more than they should*



Electric bills to go up

BY WARREN L. WISE
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Santee Cooper's 164,000 electric customers in eastern South Carolina will see their bills rise 7 percent over two years, starting in December. Rates will rise an average 3.5 percent Dec. 1 and again on Dec. 1, 2013. The state-owned utility's board of directors on Tuesday approved the two-year rate hike in Columbia to help pay for the expansion of V.C. Summer Nuclear Station, which Santee Cooper co-owns with South Carolina Electric & Gas Co., and to meet the costs of new environmental regulations.

The proposed rate increase, a first since November 2009 and only the second since 1996, was announced in May. The board's vote followed several public hearings over the summer in its direct customer-coverage area in Berkeley, Georgetown and Horry counties.

For the average home using about 1,000 kilowatt-hours of power, the electric bill will go up \$5.60 per month the first year and an additional \$8.29 per month the second year. The current average Santee Cooper residential electric bill is about \$107.05 a month.

"I know that times remain tough for many of our customers," Santee Cooper Chairman O.L. Thompson said. "The fact is, Santee Cooper has already cut or deferred \$1.8 billion in capital expenses and approved other cost-saving measures the past two years. We are now at a point where we must increase revenues to ensure we can fulfill our statutory requirements to recover our costs, meet new environmental regulations and build generation that is important to South Carolina's future."

The utility reviewed an independent rate analysis, management's proposal

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Santee Cooper rate hikes by class

Dec. 1, 2012	
Residential	5.3%
Commercial	3.83%
Lighting	5.56%
Industrial	-6%

Wunga, dude

sked over design of new park

is going to be for a
water that's not been
seen yet.
The Porrata
skatepark designer

and edges.
One stretch could be as long as 300 feet.
The county's skatepark has been on the drawing board for some time and will be built downtown at Meeting and Huger streets beneath the overpasses connecting Interstate 26 and the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge. It is scheduled to open in Spring 2014.

When completed, the \$2 million park will be the largest in the state at up to 40,000 square feet. Officials hope it will become a regional draw for competitions and other events.

Porrata promised that the final product will accommodate skaters of all levels, from beginner to expert.

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ants to pop questions

seeks to act as his own attorney

SC + G
+ 100
So Sad

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